



February 9, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff,

Ottawa Public Health (OPH), in collaboration with CHEO and local health care partners, is running a **COVID-19 rapid testing clinic** for students, staff, and their families who attend school in the Barrhaven area.

Rapid Testing Clinic details:

When:

Saturday February 13

8:30 am to 9 am	Staff of the school and their families
9 am to 3:30pm	All students, staff and their families

Sunday February 14

8:30 am to 9 am	Staff of the school and their families
9 am to 3:30pm	All students, staff and their families

Monday February 15

8:30 am to 9 am	Staff of the school and their families
9 am to 3 pm	All students, staff and their families

Where: École secondaire catholique Pierre-Savard
1110 Longfields Drive, Nepean, ON K2J 0H9

Testing will be in the **Gym**. Please enter at the back door closest to the lower level. Parking is available at the north end of the school (at the bottom lot).

Who can go?

Testing is for everyone in your family or household. **Anyone associated with a school in Barrhaven can get tested**; those with or without symptoms of COVID-19, and those who have or have not been exposed to COVID-19.

Why is it important?

Identifying people with COVID-19 will help to prevent spread at home and in our community and keep our classes and schools open. The risk of getting COVID-19 by going to a testing site is very low. OPH, CHEO and our health partners have many precautions put in place to reduce this risk.

How does it work?

The test for people without any symptoms will be a rapid test, which is less invasive and gives results on the same day. You will be asked to go home after your test. If your test result is positive, you and your household/family members will be asked to return for a lab-based test to confirm the rapid test result, and will need to isolate at home until the lab-based test results are




known or for up to 10 days if you choose to not have a lab-based test. If your rapid antigen test result is negative, you will not be called.

The test for people with symptoms of COVID-19 and/or who have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be the rapid test along with the lab-based test. Individuals will also need to isolate at home. Further instructions will be provided to you at the time of testing.

How can I stay safe?

A negative result from this testing clinic does not completely rule out the possibility that you or your child is infected with COVID-19. Continue to follow masking and physical distancing recommendations and the provincial [stay at home order](#).

More Details:

<p>Bring these items with you for testing:</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The health cards of all family members who will be tested, if you have them. • Your contact information (i.e., name, phone number). • Name and address of your family doctor, if you have one. <p>NOTE: You can still get tested even if you do not have a health card or a family doctor.</p>
<p>When you get there:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please wear a mask before entering the school. • Upon entering the school, use the hand sanitizer available at the door. • Families must stay together. Please stay at least 2 metres away from anyone who does not live in your home. • You will not have access to any other part of the school.
<p>When you leave:</p>	<p>You will be given information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you develop symptoms. • Instructions about when you will be able to return to school or work in-person.

Although we plan to be able to test all students, staff and their families who come for testing, if there is not enough time, we may have to turn away some individuals arriving at the end of the day and suggest other testing options.

Other Testing Options:

People who are not able to come for testing at this time are welcome to visit an [Assessment Centre for testing](#) if they are symptomatic or have been told by OPH to get tested because they are high risk contacts. Please book an appointment online ahead of time. For more information, please visit [OttawaTestingUpdate.ca](#).

Online Information Session

OPH, in collaboration with CHEO, will be hosting two information sessions via zoom in which parents, guardians, students and staff of Barrhaven schools an opportunity to answer questions related to the rapid testing clinic on **February 11, 2021**. Click the links below to join the session of your choice:



- **5 pm to 5:45** – [French](#) Webinar ID: 925 4017 6089; Passcode: 010941;
Phone #: +1 613-209-3054
- **6 pm to 6:45 pm** – [English](#) Webinar ID: 991 5424 4947; Passcode: 670667;
Phone #: +1 647-558-0588

Contact Us

If you have questions about this testing clinic, please contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm.

Thank you École secondaire catholique Pierre-Savard for hosting the Rapid Testing Clinic.